

Fleeing Thieves Miss Policeman, But Shoot "Pal"

Patrolman Comes as Upper Broadway Robbers Are Escaping With Loot; Two Disappear in an Auto

Display Recovered Goods

Kings and Queens Residents Claim Articles Stolen From Their Residences

Two men who robbed a crown shop at 145 Broadway of dresses yesterday escaped in an auto. A third, who was declared to have served as look-out, fell into the hands of the police and was shot in the right leg by one of his companions who fired from the fleeing car.

Patrolman McWilliams, of the La Salle Street station, saw the two men coming from the building with their arms filled with goods. A third man was standing near. As the two jumped into the waiting auto the look-out raised his step. McWilliams seized him. The patrolman fired several shots at the two in the vehicle. They returned the fire, a bullet entered his companion's right leg.

The wounded man said he was Leonie Valenque, twenty-three years old, a laborer, 66 West 142d Street, Washington Heights Court, Magistrate Norman J. Marsh held him without bail on a charge of burglary. He will be examined tomorrow.

Two men and women went to the Atlantic Avenue police station, Brooklyn, yesterday and identified stolen goods valued at more than \$4,000. Two tables were used to display articles declared to have been recovered as the result of a confession by Amos Chamberlain, who said, according to police reports, that he and four other young men had taken part in twenty-one burglaries.

Wednesday afternoon Chamberlain, it was explained, escorted detectives to several pawnshops pointing out articles he had pledged. He was then taken to the police station today, it was announced, in an effort to locate more stolen articles. Persons who identified their property came from Newtown, Elmhurst, Glendale, Flatbush and the Park Slope districts.

John Little, alias John Burke, was before Magistrate Douras in West Side Court yesterday to answer a charge of robbery and assault. Burke was arrested in connection with the hold-up of an apartment house office on West Sixty-third Street on Wednesday. At the time of the hold-up a companion of Burke, who was identified as James Green, of 148 Hawley Street, Buffalo, was shot and killed by a negro watchman in front of the apartment. Little was shot through the cheek by a policeman. Four others implicated in the hold-up escaped.

Little, according to the police, has a long record. He was held without bail for further examination on Tuesday.

Youth, Convicted, to Die For Slaying Salesmen

Chicago Jury Finds Harvey Church Guilty of Killing to Get Auto

Special Dispatch to The Tribune CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Harvey W. Church, twenty-one years old, confessed slayer of Edward J. Daugherty and Carl Amsum, automobile salesmen, was found guilty today of the murder of Daugherty. Death on the gallows was the punishment. The jury took one ballot.

Church tried to establish insanity as his defense. He turned pale when he learned that the jury had found him guilty. He had displayed through the trial was gone. He had to be helped back to his cell.

Church had confessed that he had lured the men to the basement of his home under pretense of buying a car. Daugherty was the first to enter the basement and Church crushed his skull with an axe. He dragged the body into a coal bin and then summoned Amsum, who was waiting in the car outside. As Amsum came down the stairs he was overpowered and slain. Church buried his body under the cinders in his garage, but he took Daugherty's body, handcuffed it and threw it into the Des Moines River. After the murder, Church's work he took the new car and gave his mother and a girl friend a joy ride.

Sentence will be passed January 12.

Dry Aid Charges Slander By Anti-Saloon Leaguer

Maryland Director Sues State Superintendent for \$25,000 Because of Speech

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—Charging that George W. Crabbe, in an address to the Anti-Saloon League superintendent, had slandered him, Attorney Edmund Budnitz, prohibition director for Maryland and the District of Columbia, today entered suit against Mr. Crabbe, for \$25,000 damages.

The case was docketed in the Superior Court of Baltimore city. Crabbe's speech to which Mr. Budnitz takes exception was made by Mr. Crabbe December 1 and was reported in newspapers. Crabbe, superintendent of the Maryland branch of the Anti-Saloon League, afterward wrote Budnitz a letter in which he qualified his alleged statements by saying they were not aimed specifically at the incumbent of the office.

The declaration of the plaintiff charges that the defendant did "falsely, maliciously and with design" impute to the plaintiff "unfitness to discharge the duties of prohibition director," as well as "want of dignity on his part in the discharge of said duties" in that the defendant spoke of outside influences as "coercing the plaintiff."

Juror Held After Rum Raid
\$2,000 in Wines Reported Seized in His Restaurant
James De Jannet, a member of the Essex County grand jury, which a few days ago indicted Green Miller, acting prohibition enforcement agent, was arraigned in Newark yesterday on a charge of violating the Volstead act. It is alleged that a raid on a restaurant at 1014 Broad Street, Newark, of which he is proprietor, resulted in the seizure of \$2,000 worth of wine.

The enforcement agents who conducted the raid said that they believed that the safe in the restaurant contained a store of liquor, but counsel for De Jannet was successful in obtaining a court order restraining them from opening the safe. De Jannet was released in \$1,000 bail.

Yule Spirit Puts \$5 in Foiled Bandit's Hand

FREEMONT, Ill., Dec. 23.—A repentant robber, who returned to apologize after being put to flight with a revolver, to-day has \$5 to spend for Christmas.

Frank Harris, a tailor and old-time baseball player, was in his shop when the fellow attacked him. Harris got his revolver and chased the bandit away. Half an hour later the man reappeared, begged forgiveness and said he planned the hold-up because he was without funds. Harris gave him a \$5 bill.

"It's Christmas time, you know, and I simply could not have him arrested," Harris explained today.

Plot to Liberate Prisoners in Bronx County Jail Foiled

Head Keeper at Night Suspended After Discovery of Saw in Cell; Detectives Are Placed on Guard Duty

District Attorney Edward E. Glennon of Bronx County announced last night as the result of information reaching him from an unnamed source a plot for the escape of the majority of the 200 prisoners in the Bronx County jail had been frustrated. Following receipt of the information the District Attorney made an investigation which resulted in the suspension of Michael McNamara, head keeper at night in the jail.

It is alleged by Glennon that the proposed jail delivery was planned by William Linsley, who was indicted on December 8 by the Bronx Grand Jury on three counts.

Linsley received a visit from his wife last night. This is contrary to the rules of the jail. She was questioned by the District Attorney later, and is said to have told him that as she worked during the day, it was impossible for her to visit her husband at the regular visiting hours. She said that she had obtained permission to make the visit from McNamara. While Mrs. Linsley was being questioned detectives went to her husband's cell where, it is said, they found a saw. Mrs. Linsley denied having carried it into the prison.

Captain Harry Hines, of the Bronx detectives, was notified and went to the prison with a squad of detectives. Some of his men were stationed outside the jail and on the fire escapes, while others were placed in cells with prisoners. The proposed attempt to break jail, according to the information received at the District Attorney's office, had been scheduled to take place last night, but no information on the subject was forthcoming after that hour.

Three Held in \$100,000 Plot to Bribe Dry Agents

Attempt to Flood Chicago With Liquor During Holidays Reported Frustrated

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Exposure of one of the most thoroughly organized liquor rings ever operated in Chicago was accomplished here today, according to Federal prohibition agents, as the result of the arrest of three men and the confiscation of twenty-one barrels of whiskey.

The liquor ring was exposed, according to Federal agents, after attempts to bribe agents, after attempts to bribe agents with a view to flooding Chicago with whiskey during the holidays. The men under arrest are Dr. J. Val Freedman, Samuel D. Freedman, his brother, and David Blumfield, all of Chicago. According to Edwin L. Weiss, Assistant District Attorney, warrants are being prepared for the arrest of several other persons, including a number of prominent politicians.

The liquor ring was brought to light, according to Federal authorities, when an attempt was made to bribe Colonel A. C. Earnshaw, chief of the intelligence unit of the Revenue Department. A fund of \$100,000 had been raised for bribery purposes and \$300,000 for the purchase of the entire product of three distilleries in Kentucky, Colonel Earnshaw said he was told. He said he was offered \$65,000 to allow the plan to proceed.

Ban Put on Police Concerts

Orders Issued to Remove Pianos From Stations

Orders have been issued to abolish police station concerts. Pianos installed in numerous stations are to be removed.

Where the order originated is not known to the rank and file, but it's first manifestation appeared yesterday when Captain Thomas "Big" Donohue, birth control nemesis, ordered the squadroom piano at the West Forty-seventh Street station locked in a cell. It was announced that the nightly song sessions which have been held by reserve patrolmen and detectives will no longer be permitted.

It was said last night that the order abolishing concerts would be strictly enforced, though some stations possessing instruments presented by former Deputy Commissioner Fredman Warner have not yet heard of the mandate. There is said to be general dissatisfaction at the new rule, which is regarded as arbitrary.

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Two Killings In City-Wide Bandit Raids

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The barrel of the revolver which constantly prodded his ribs, merely grunted. The customer, who was used to much more lively come-back, eyed him a moment and then asked for a card of matches. He said no more, but lit a cigarette and went out.

He went straight to a telephone booth. There was something wrong with Michael's key, and he was unable to get into the room. He called the telephone booth, he called Police Headquarters and told his experience and his suspicions.

Police Open Battle

Hold-ups in United Cigar stores have been so frequent that anything out of the way in connection with one of them receives grave and prompt consideration by the police. The Tremont police station was notified immediately and McCarthy and Connell dispatched to the store.

Michael and his guard were still behind the counter when the detectives got there. Invisible in the rear room were Fryfield and his jailer.

The detectives entered the store with their revolvers drawn and the command, "Hands up!" Michael obeyed the order at once. It was a relief to him to see a revolver in the hands of some one beside the man at his side.

The bandit, however, instead of obeying, fired from the hip across the counter, pointblank at the detectives. He hit the head of the man at his side, and he dropped unconscious.

Before McCarthy could reply, the door of the rear room swung open and the man who had been standing guard against the jamb and fired. The bullet went through McCarthy's left cheek. McCarthy fired at the same moment, his bullet splintering the door jamb and whistling past the head of the helpless and invisible Fryfield. Each report reverberated like a bomb in the constricted space. Beneath the uproar came the crack and tinkle of riven wood and shattered glass. Smoke filled the store and drifted out through the door, held ajar by Connell's body.

Intruders Make Escape

McCarthy caught a momentary glimpse of the robber in the store as he leaped the counter and made for the rear room and took a snap shot at him. He thought the man staggered as he reached the door and vanished, but his wound was weakening him and he was not sure that he saw right.

There was no hesitation on his part, however. His man had vanished into a darkened room which he knew held one desperate gunman, but McCarthy was through the door after him before he could slam it shut. He was in time to see both robbers dash out of a rear door into the street. He staggered after them.

Bullets splintered the door behind him as he reeled into the street, but he steadied his right arm with his left hand and McCarthy threw down on the man running east on Tremont Avenue. The other robber had jumped into a taxicab and was being driven away. His companion fell at McCarthy's shot, and the next moment the latter fell, too.

A motorist picked up both the wounded detectives and took them to Parkland Hospital. The driver was dispatched from the hospital after the arrival of the detectives. By that time thousands of persons were seeking a glimpse of the battlefield and the reserves had to be called out to enable Captain Wines of the Bronx detective bureau and his men to start their investigations.

In spite of the speed with which the taxicab had started, several persons caught a glimpse of one or more of the figures on its license plate, and from their reports the police hope to trace the vehicle. It is thought that the fugitive in it may have been McCarthy.

McCarthy is thirty-three years old and lives at 413 East 154th Street. He became a policeman October 17, 1907. Connell is thirty-six years old and lives at 76 Clinton Place. The Bronx He was appointed to the force February 28, 1917. Both men have received official commendation for police work.

Levy, the robber who was killed, was known also as Charles Williams, Harry Roth, Harold Rieb and Frank Leary. His record at Police Headquarters shows he was convicted of burglary and sentenced to the reformatory for two years, May 29, 1913; August he was convicted of something which the police records describe as "assault" and sent to Elmira Reformatory.

July 26, 1915, according to the police records, he was convicted of burglary and a sentence of five years imposed by Judge Rosakowsky, who released him, however, on parole. March 19, 1916, the police records show, he was convicted again of burglary in Judge Rosakowsky's court and sentence was suspended again.

Long Criminal Record

In June of that year he was convicted of burglary and sent to Sing Sing for four years and six months. August 15, 1919, a charge of grand larceny was made against him, which is still pending, so far as the police records show. September 16, 1919, he was convicted of disorderly conduct and sent to the workhouse for twenty days. December 22, 1919, a charge of robbery was made against him, which seems to be pending still. April 15, 1920, charges of grand larceny and burglary were made against him and he is said to have jumped his bail in both cases.

Two young men entered Sottile's

Taylor, Ready for Snow Storm, Clears Streets With 7,285 Men

Fall of Two and Two-tenths Inches Gets Scant Half-Hour Start on Commissioner, but He Soon Sweeps It Away; Elevated Lines Use "Feeler"

The snow which fell early yesterday morning, to the official extent of two and two-tenths inches, had a start of exactly half an hour on Alfred A. Taylor, Street Cleaning Commissioner. It was the first snow storm of any importance since Mr. Taylor took office and he was looking forward to it with something akin to exaltation. He was up at 4 o'clock, and by 6 o'clock 7,285 men were at work clearing the streets in Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Bronx.

Mr. Taylor said yesterday that the purpose of his department to have the snow off every street in the city to-day unless another snow storm intervened. He said that 3,000 emergency men and 1,400 regulars would work all night to clear the streets.

All the appliances for the quick removal of snow were put to use before the snow ceased to fall at 3:15 o'clock yesterday morning, giving way to fifteen minutes of a precipitation, which was classed as rain. There were 150 trucks, 25 trucks, with scrapers, and more than 1,000 ash trucks removing snow.

The traction companies got out their snow clearing cars and kept their tracks clear. The elevated lines introduced a novelty known as a "feeler." This is a device attached to the "brush" of the cars. On meeting any obstacle on the tracks the "feeler" immediately recognizes it as such and releases a scraper in front of the brush, thereby removing the obstacle.

It is not recorded that any great hardship was worked upon the vehicular traffic. There was no congestion, and the difficulties experienced by motor car drivers were no greater than those encountered on rainy days. Pedestrians were more put about than any one else, because the pavement they walked upon was sloppy.

The only worth-while delays to traffic were reported from Brooklyn. The third rail of the B. R. T. line was affected by snow, and one train on the Brighton line was stalled from 6:05 to 6:20 o'clock yesterday morning near the Sheepshead Bay station.

Traffic both ways between Kings Highway and Brighton Beach was stopped from 7:45 to 8:40 o'clock, and on the Culver Line, between Kings Highway and Coney Island, the course of travel was delayed from 8:30 to 9:15 o'clock.

The locks on the Long Island Railroad East of East New York froze shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Trains using that route were from thirty to forty minutes late.

Then last night it rained. But the rain was entirely uncalled for, because by that time Commissioner Taylor's night workers had been flushing the streets for more than an hour.

ber brought his revolver butt down on his victim's head. Then he took \$40 from Pollak's pocket, and he and his companion ran out.

McCarthy triumphantly told the ambulance surgeon who patched up the wound in his scalp that he had kept the robbers so busy they had overlooked \$150 which he had in another pocket.

Major Brands Story He Killed Soldiers False

Battalion Commander, Cited for Heroism in Action, Offers to Aid Senate Inquiry

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Emphatic denial of the charge made in testimony before the Senate committee investigating Senator Watson's allegations of brutalities by American army officers is contained in a letter received today by the War Department from Lieutenant Colonel H. L. Ople, of Staunton, Va., who as a major commanded the third battalion of the 116th Infantry during the war.

Private Henry L. Scott testified that "Major Ople shot down a sergeant and a private during the Argonne fighting." Colonel Ople's letter, which declared this is "emphatically untrue," is as follows:

"The Associated Press has just informed me a Private Henry L. Scott, of Ohio, testified before the Senate committee that he saw Major Ople, of the third battalion, 116th Infantry, shoot a sergeant and a private or orderly during the Meuse-Argonne fighting. This is emphatically untrue. I was in command of this unit during most of its war service in France and not only were there no men summarily shot or executed but there is not a single man of the regiment who can be counted for, I am informed, my most prized possession is the good will of the officers and men with whom I command many of whom are again with me in the service. If I can be of any use in refuting these and other idle charges I am at your command."

Major Ople was wounded and awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by the government and the Croix de Guerre with two palms and the Legion of Honor (Chevalier) by France for gallantry in action.

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Burns, on Christmas Visit Here, Marking Time in Bomb Case

Acquaintance Says Lindenfeld Was Campaigning for Socialist Aldermanic Candidate Day of Blast

William J. Burns, chief of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, came up last night from Washington to spend Christmas with his family at Scarborough-on-Hudson. There wasn't a thing he could add, he declared, to what has already been said, pro and con, regarding the arrest and reported confession of Wolfe Lindenfeld in connection with the Wall Street bomb plot.

"Lindenfeld's statement has not yet been straightened out," he said. "When it is, perhaps Attorney-General Daugherty will make a statement on the case."

Another acquaintance of the prevaricating bomb suspect took a kick at his various and conflicting stories yesterday. Instead of being in a suburb of New York, as he declared in Warsaw, it is said he spent most of the day working in the interests of Louis Waldman, at the time Socialist candidate for reelection to the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman William Beckerman, who knew Lindenfeld as Linde, says the alleged terrorist was as surprised as anybody when news of the disaster became known.

The night before the explosion, Beckerman says, Linde passed at the Broadway Central Hotel. The register there, he asserted yesterday, shows an entry, "W. Linde."

"On the day of the explosion, which I remember well because it was the day of the special election," Alderman Beckerman continued, "it was necessary for me to go in a hurry to Public School No. 19, in Fourteenth Street, near First Avenue, where there was said to be some trouble about votes."

"Linde jumped in the car with me, without invitation, and insisted on accompanying me. I remember having some argument with him. He used the words: 'Don't be a fool, Beckerman, and I said to him: 'Don't be a pest! If you make any trouble up here I'll kick you out.' This was in the afternoon, about 4 o'clock, I should say."

"When we got to the school I remember the chairman of the Election Board saying in a laughing way: 'What have you fellows been trying to do—blow up Wall Street?' We asked him what he meant and he told us of the explosion, which had occurred at noon. That was the first any one of us—including Linde—had heard of it, and I am sure Linde looked as startled and as surprised as any one else."

Reserve Policeman Held As Swindler of Woman

Aged Mother of Boy Who Was Arrested Declares She Paid \$50 to Sergeant

Joseph Edelheit, of 848 East 163d Street, a sergeant in the police reserves, was arrested at 1528 Second Avenue last night by a patrolman of the East Eighty-eighth Street station on the complaint of Mrs. Kate Schweit, seventy years old, of 220 East Seventy-eighth Street, who charges the prisoner with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Mrs. Schweit told Lieutenant Cramer, of the East Eighty-eighth Street station, that two weeks ago Edelheit appeared at her apartment dressed in his police uniform and said that he had a message from her son, Max, who was then being held in a Brooklyn jail in connection with the loss of an automobile.

She said that Edelheit promised to have her son released if she would pay him \$50. Mrs. Schweit said that she pawned a ring and a watch and gave the money to Edelheit. She said that neither she nor her son had seen him from that time until she got word that he was at the Second Avenue address last night.

Shoplifters Offer Christmas Needs of Relatives as Excuse

Twenty shoplifters who were arraigned yesterday in Special Sessions pleaded guilty and said that they only stole Christmas presents to give to relatives.

Most of the men received penitentiary sentences. Several of the women and some of the men were released on probation. Mrs. Madeleine Moore, who said that she had intended to join her husband Christmas, at his father's farm, was sent to the Florence Crittenden Home to await sentence December 30.

Soviet Envoy Seeks Return Of Eastern Railroad to China

PEKING, Dec. 22.—Alexander Paikes, Russian Soviet plenipotentiary now in Peking, announced today that the major object of his negotiations here was the restitution of the Chinese Eastern Railway to China.

He said Soviet Russia wished no financial consideration for the return of the road, but merely wished assurance that it should not be transferred to any other country.

Kentucky Guardsmen Sent For Duty in Newport Strike

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 23.—Four companies of Kentucky National Guardsmen, totaling 160 men and thirty necessary officers, were ordered to Newport, Ky., to-night by Governor Morrow. They were sent as a result of his orders growing out of a strike at the Newport Rolling Mills and without a request from local peace officers. They are due to arrive in Newport about 7:30 a. m. to-morrow.

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